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Albertan dies in avalanche

B.C. The Canadian Avalanche Centre has issued a warning about unusual slide conditions in B.C. — one day after an Alberta man died in an avalanche.

On Monday, the 30-year-old man was killed in an avalanche triggered by four skiers near Rossland, in B.C.'s West Kootenay area. The other three people managed to escape.

The man's body was recovered yesterday. RCMP say his relatives don't want his name released.

The danger to those in B.C.'s Columbia Mountain range is actually higher at lower elevations, the opposite of normal, because of a weak layer of snow that developed in late December and is now buried 30 to 60 centimetres below the surface, said Avalanche bulletins manager Karl Klassen.

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Juniors Heartbreak



Team Canada's Greg Nemisz is stopped by Team USA's Brian Lashoff during first-period gold-medal final hockey action at the World Junior Hockey Championship yesterday in Saskatoon, Sask. The U.S. beat Canada 6-5 in overtime. Story, page 10

Man with knife chases C-Train operator

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CRIME A Calgary Transit C-Train driver was forced to flee a knife-wielding man early Monday morning at a downtown platform.

Police have arrested a suspect in connection with the bizarre incident, which began at 1:25 a.m. at the 4th Street SW station when someone apparently pushed the emergency button by accident.

The C-Train operator exited his cab to deactivate the button, and he was chased back to his cab by a man from the centre car, according to police.

"It's disturbing that (this) occurs in our city, and it's something the Calgary Police Service takes very seriously," Insp. Kevan Stuart said, adding police are trying to determine a motive.

Police found the suspect walking along the 6th Avenue platform, where he allegedly began waving a knife around in a "threatening manner" towards police and a Taser was deployed.

Brian Whitelaw, Calgary Transit co-ordinator of safety, said the incident will be reviewed but they are relying on the police investigation to shed more light on the incident.

Police have charged John Richard Marleau, 22, with three counts of assault with a weapon and one count each of possession of weapon, carrying a concealed weapon and causing a disturbance.

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"Sometimes the Stampede and the city try on that persona of being a bit redneck."

Quinton Rafuse,
survey respondent

definition of a family is a husband, wife and children," among others.

Quinton Rafuse, who lives near Stampede Park and took the survey, was initially "appalled" when he came across the survey, which he said was otherwise "about 95 per cent completely normal" for market research.

"I found some of the questions in there a little

odd and on one hand a bit surprising, and on the other hand possibly not surprising," he said.

Sometimes the Stampede and the city try on that persona of being a bit redneck."

Rafuse said the questions were something the controversial character Borat would ask to elicit an inappropriate response.

"I just didn't think they belonged in a survey," he said.

The Calgary Stampede's Doug Fraser emphasized the statements, designed by the research company Illumina Research Partners, aren't representative of the Stampede.

"While the statements themselves are intended by the research company to be

polarizing, they do not reflect the opinions of the Calgary Stampede," he said.

Fraser said the research helps them better tailor their programming to a changing audience in Calgary.

Illumina president Yvonne Brouwer said statements like these are fairly standard in the market research industry. They also need to be considered in the context of the whole survey, she said.

"They are really statements that are meant to help divide people, that people would have very different opinions on," Brouwer said.

"By doing that, you get a much clearer picture on similarities and differences across different people."

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Man hurt in fridge blast

A fridge explosion yesterday afternoon sent one man to hospital, according to the fire department. The blast ripped the door off the fridge and shattered windows in the home in the 2300 block of 51 Street NE. Two people were in the home at the time, but only a man in his 20s was taken to hospital.

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News in brief

STABBING Police have laid charges against two men in a stabbing Monday night in the city's southeast. Police say a 24-year-old man was slashed in the throat with a knife when two men asked him for drugs and he said he didn't have any. Police charged Brandon Leblanc and a 17-year-old man in relation.

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CALGARY OBITUARIES

CalgaryObits.com notes the following deaths in our community:

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LECHMAN, Aranka
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NO EARLIER THAN 25 HOURS
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Long security lineups are frustrating frequent Calgary flyers. More coverage, page 5.

The tightening grip of new airline security rules is becoming a source of frustration for business travellers who make several trips a month.

Calgarian Kathy Hallwood travels two to four times a month by airplane and though she didn't mind the trips before, she dreads them now. "I can't bring anything on the plane with me anymore, things that I need for work while I fly. I had to buy a bigger suitcase just to fit everything in to store under," Hallwood said.

Not to mention the amount of time she spends checking through security.

"My last trip the security was so tight they made me late for my flight. The airline called my name three times and the security people didn't care."

But some passengers are

annoyed with what they call mixed messages, including Norm Jones, who waited in line at the Calgary International Airport yesterday.

"We see on the news we

should come three or four hours early, and then we get here and we can't even get into customs until two and half hours before the flight," he said. "Now we're stuck here waiting

around doing nothing."

The announcement of new full body-scan procedures by the federal government yesterday has passengers hoping they speed up the security process.

Board asks parents to weigh in on possible school closures

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The public school board is looking for public input on the closure of a pair of city schools.

Public school trustees are set this week to meet with parents of two Calgary schools facing pending closures.

On Dec. 1, trustees passed motions to consider the closure of Queensland Downs School and the English program at Dalhousie School, according to Ted Flitton, the Calgary Board of Education's spokesperson.

"The trustees are going to these meetings to hear

what the parents have to say and think about what

they said, and will also provide a question-and-answer

period," Flitton said of the meetings this week.

At Dalhousie School, they will continue its Spanish program but due to declining enrolment would send the English program students to a school with excess space in west Dalhousie.

Queensland would close due to declining enrolment.

"There are no plans to close the Spanish program, it's very popular and one of our fastest growing — this has everything to do with the decline in the regular program," he added.

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Suspected carjacker gets reality check

GETAWAY It was an action movie scene for police officers chasing a suspected carjacker early yesterday morning when the man jumped two storeys off a building.

Police say the man suffered serious injuries from the fall during the pursuit that began when police interrupted a suspected carjacking where three people allegedly assaulting and pepper spraying two handcuffed men in the backseat of a car in the 1200 block of 9th Ave. SE around 3:25 a.m.

"We arrested two men on scene but a third decided that he wanted to try and make a getaway onto the top of a building, jumped and fell two storeys to a lower part, sustained some injuries and was arrested," Staff Sgt. Joel Matthews said.

Charges are pending against all three men, according to police.

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Bollywood dream comes true

City woman dances in Indian film set for worldwide release

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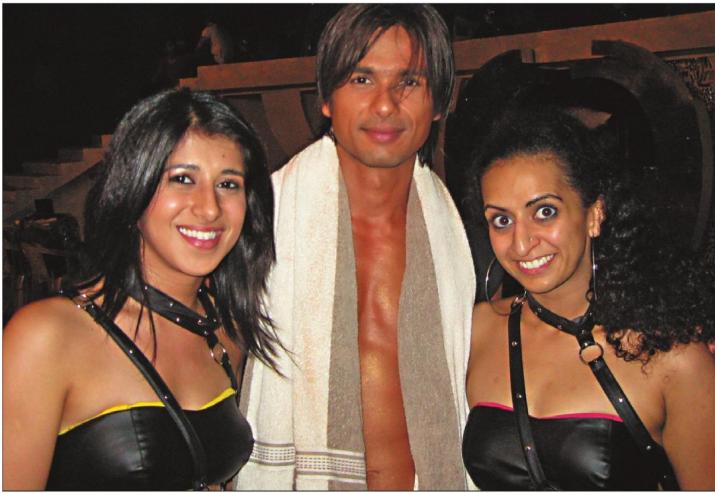
One Calgary woman is living her Bollywood dreams.

Last year, Calgarian Shivani Thakkar, 24, and Sapna Rohra won a dance contest landing them in the heart of India dancing in a Bollywood movie that is now due for worldwide theatrical release next week.

"It is so exciting to have been a part of this and the entire trip was amazing. It was really fun to be in India and I couldn't be more excited about the release of the movie," she said from Calgary.

Thakkar filmed two dances in the film *Chance Pe Dance* alongside Bollywood heartthrob Shahid Kapoor, which was choreographed by Marty Kudelka of Justin Timberlake fame.

"The fun thing about this was it was my birthday while I was down there and I got to spend my par-



Calgarian Shivani Thakkar, right, and Sapna Rohra flank leading man Shahid Kapoor on the set of the Bollywood movie *Chance Pe Dance*, ready for theatrical release next week.

ty with these amazing people. The entire experience opened some doors for me."

But the already accomplished dancer has a lot going for her, besides the

film's theatrical release Jan. 15 and expects to be back in Calgary — she lives in Los Angeles — to choreograph at her mother's dance studio.

She also has a small part

in the upcoming Disney Step Up 3-D movie.

"This is all very thrilling, and I am living my dream but there is still so much more I want to accomplish."

Feds give \$310K to replace 13 city playgrounds

FUNDING Nearly \$310,000 will be doled out by the federal government to replace 13 Calgary playgrounds.

Deepak Obhrai, MP for Calgary East, made the funding announcement yesterday in the city, and the money will be combined with funds from the city, community fundraising and private donations.

"The playgrounds are an important part of many communities across Calgary. They will bring us together as families, friends and neighbours to interface with each other through sports, while getting fit and healthy, and most importantly, having fun," said Obhrai.

The playgrounds were identified in areas of highest need and are built to meet the latest safety standards.

The announcement was part of the Recreational Infrastructure in Canada program of the federal government's Canada Economic Action Plan. METRO CALGARY



News in brief

ROBBERY Police are looking for a suspect who held up the Bank of Montreal in the 10000 block of Elbow Drive SW yesterday morning. The suspect gave a note to the teller and fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. Police are looking for an aboriginal male, 20 to 25, 5-foot-6, slim build wearing a dark hoodie.

AUDITIONS The Young Canadi-

ans of the Calgary Stampede are holding junior auditions this weekend in the Agriculture Building at Stampede Park. Junior females from seven to 11 are invited out Friday and junior boys from seven to 11 are invited out Saturday. For more information, please visit www.theyoungcanadians.com

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No criminal record for Tillman

Saskatchewan Roughriders general manager Eric Tillman will not have a criminal record after pleading guilty to sexually assaulting a teenage girl. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canada

Focus on economy, not torture: Harper

PM says Canadians worried about jobs

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says Canadians aren't really concerned about allegations that the government engaged in a coverup over the abuse of Afghan detainees.

"I think polls have been pretty clear that that's not on the top of the radar of most Canadians," Harper said in an interview with CBC correspondent Peter Mansbridge.

The government had been on the defensive late last year over allegations that it tried to cover up information that Afghan authorities were abusing Afghan detainees after they were handed over by Canadian soldiers. And opposition MPs say Harper decided to suspend Parliament until March to shut down a House of Commons committee probing the detainee controversy.

But Harper said Canadians are more interested in the recession battering the



country. "What's on the radar is the economy."

The Prime Minister said his government wants to focus on economic conditions when Parliament re-opens on March 3 with a speech from the throne and a budget the next day.

But there's no doubt the opposition parties will return to the Afghan detainee issue in March, he said. "They've been on that subject for three or four years now. I'm sure they'll continue on it."

In his first public comments on his decision to close down Parliament for the second time in a little over a year, Harper insisted it was a "routine constitutional matter" if the government isn't threatened with defeat by other parties in the Commons.

"We want to take some time to recalibrate the government's agenda" on the economy and other policies, the prime minister

said. He didn't name the other priority issues, but Conservatives have said law-and-order legislation will feature prominently in the next session.

He also said the government will quickly fill vacancies in the Senate to make it harder for Liberal senators to make changes to Conservative legislation approved in the Commons.

On the question of re-aligning airline security in the wake of the latest terrorist scare in the United States, Harper said security measures in Canada will have to become tighter.

"We don't have to take identical measures (as the U.S.), but we certainly have to undertake measures that would prevent any similar kind of threat in Canada."

Ottawa will examine the 14-country terrorist watch list announced by the U.S. in recent days to see if Canada should adopt this approach. But "we may arrive at different conclusions," Harper said.

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Body scanners coming to Canada

AIRPORTS The government will install dozens of scanners that can peer through the clothes of travellers in airports across Canada.

It will also set up an airport watch system to look for suspicious passengers and tab them for further screening.

"We've got to stay ahead of the terrorist elements," Transport Minister John Baird said yesterday.

The scanners will first be installed in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and Halifax and will all be in place by spring.

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Calgary Training with the pooch



Deanne Collinson, a Calgary-based certified trainer of 6Legs to Fitness, a fitness program for dogs and their owners, works out with her dog Maddie, an Irish terrier, yesterday.

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The Obama administration opposes closing shipping locks near Chicago to prevent Asian carp from invading the Great Lakes. The voracious fish have been migrating up the Mississippi and Illinois rivers toward the Great Lakes for decades. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World



Group fears scanners will exploit kids

Britain's government wants to quickly deploy full-body scanners at U.K. airports to fight an expanded terrorist threat, but privacy concerns — and fears that children may be exploited — seem likely to slow the plan. Privacy campaigners and children's-rights groups say the technology, now being tested at Manchester Airport, violates British and European law by producing sexually explicit images of children. They say the machines cannot be allowed because they can clearly show a child's genitalia.

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'Screw-up that could have been disastrous:' Obama

U.S. President Barack Obama asserted yesterday the government had enough information to foil the attempted bombing on a Christmas Day airline flight, but intelligence agencies "failed to connect those dots" and left nearly 300 passengers and crew in peril.

Obama called that unacceptable. "I will not tolerate it," he said.

The accused attacker, 23-year-old Nigerian Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, has claimed ties to al-Qaida. Witnesses said he ignited an explosive mixture, but it failed to do serious damage to the Northwest jetlin-



"We have to do better, and we will do better. And we will do it quickly."

U.S. President Barack Obama on the failure to prevent attempting bombing

er or its passengers, and he was subdued by other passengers and airline crew members on the Detroit-bound Northwest Airlines flight.

Obama, speaking after meeting with his Cabinet and national security team, declared, "We have to do better, and we will do better. And we will do it quickly."

But while he expressed clear displeasure with the U.S. failure to prevent the suspect from boarding a

U.S.-bound flight, Obama did not announce any firings or job reassignments.

According to a White House statement released later, Obama told his gathering of officials: "This was a screw-up that could have been disastrous. We dodged a bullet, but just barely. It was averted by brave individuals, not because the system worked, and that is not acceptable."

Obama also said he was suspending the transfer of

Guantanamo detainees to Yemen. The Christmas attack has raised concerns about Yemen, because the Nigerian man has claimed to have been acting on instructions from al-Qaida operatives in that country.

Nearly half of the 198 terror suspect detainees held at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba are from Yemen. But Obama reiterated his vow to eventually close the camp.

"Make no mistake, we will close Guantanamo prison," Obama said. The camp, he said, "was an explicit rationale for the formation of al-Qaida" operating in Yemen.

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Photo captures the universe ... as a toddler

SPACE The U.S. Hubble Space Telescope has captured the earliest image yet of the universe — just 600 million years after the Big Bang, when the universe was just a toddler.

Scientists released the photo yesterday at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society. It is the most complete picture of

the early universe so far, showing galaxies with stars that are already hundreds of millions of years old, along with the unmistakable primordial signs of the first cluster of stars. These young galaxies haven't yet formed their familiar spiral or elliptical shapes and are much smaller and quite blue in colour. That's mostly

because at this stage, they don't contain many heavy metals, said Garth Illingworth, a University of California, Santa Cruz, astronomy professor who was among those releasing the photo. Until NASA's Hubble telescope was repaired and upgraded last year, the farthest back in time that astronomers could see was

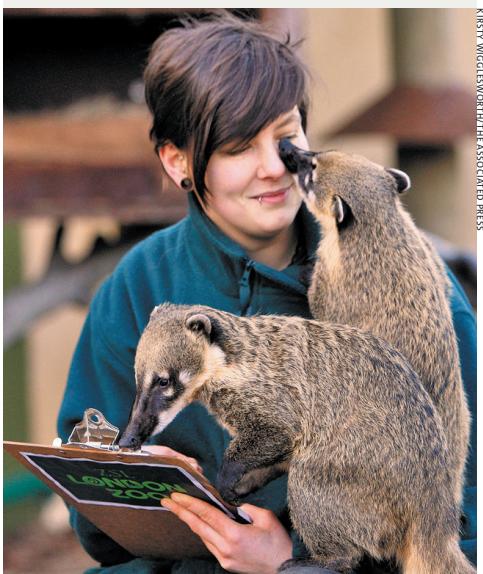
about 900 million years after the Big Bang.

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Trash goes full circle in California as refuse fuels fleet of garbage trucks. Scan this code for the full story.

London Taking stock



Mammal keeper Lucy Smith counts coatis during the annual stocktaking at London Zoo yesterday. More than 750 different species are tallied up in the count.

News in brief

BIN LADEN With a book written by one of Osama bin Laden's sons, and with news of a daughter sheltering in the Saudi Embassy in Iran, some blanks are being filled in on the life of the terrorist's family. Two weeks ago, Omar bin Laden revealed that many of the children who had been

with their father in Afghanistan escaped to Iran. **PHILIPPINES** A member of a powerful political clan yesterday pleaded not guilty to murder charges in the Philippines' worst election massacre of 57 people, including journalists and members of a rival's family.

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Noticing a new Rose

The West View

Paul Sullivan

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Here we go again. Alberta, which spawns right-wing parties like it sprouts oil wells, has given birth to another: The Wildrose Alliance Party.

If you're keeping score at home, that's three: Social Credit, Reform, and now this.

What is it about Alberta that fosters a live-free-or-die attitude among its citizens? Maybe it should be designated a distinct society, like Quebec or Newfoundland.

If you've never heard of Wildrose, don't feel bad. Until the day before yesterday, it had exactly one seat in the 83-seat Alberta legislature, while the Perpetual Conservatives, who have governed uninterrupted for 38 years, had 70.

Well, pardner, all that

changed when two Tory MLAs, fed up with the dank obscurity of the back bench, rode their 15 minutes of fame across the floor of the house, and the Wildrose vaulted over the NDP to become the third largest party in Alberta, even though it won't be two years old until Jan. 19.

So people are starting to take notice. There's even a chance Wildrose will increase its elected caucus to four as former Tory Guy Boutilier, cast into the ranks of the independents by a wrathful Premier Ed Stelmach last summer for daring to complain out loud, gleefully ponders casting his lot with Wildrose before the legislature

Danielle Smith

opens next month.

That means Wildrose would automatically enjoy full legislative privileges, unlike the socialists, who have a key to the washroom only because the Speaker has taken pity on them.

You're also forgiven if you think you've seen this movie before. Wildrose rose from the ashes of the Alberta Alliance, which itself rose from the ashes of the Reform Party, and down there somewhere, lurks the ghost of Bible Bill Aberhart, the father of Social Credit.

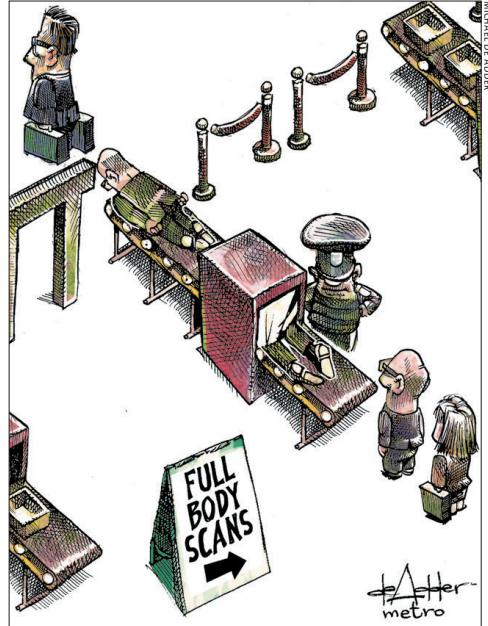
However, the new face of Social Credit/Reform/Aliance is the infinitely more attractive

Danielle Smith, who, while fiscally conservative, is media savvy and a celebrated alum of Calgary Inc.'s 40 Under 40. Unlike the previous generation of Reform/Alliance media beefheads, Smith understands modern media relations, and is not about to be trapped into the macho, homophobic, white supremacist self-destruction common to the clan.

Still, is there room for two parties on the right, even in Alberta, where there's apparently room for anything? Stephen Harper didn't think so, and he got to be prime minister by uniting the right, even if the earliest fusion, the Canadian Conservative Reform Alliance, came to CCRAP when you added the word "party," which, of course, everybody did.

But don't think Ed Stelmach isn't looking over his shoulder. There's a new gunslinger in Wildrose Country, and in a delightful 21st-century twist, she's a woman.

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**Worth mentioning**

Philippines is deadliest for journalists: Report

More than 130 media workers were killed in 2009 in their efforts to tell stories from dangerous conflict zones, making last year a particularly deadly one for journalists, a media safety watchdog said yesterday.

Michelle Lang

The 2009 tally includes Calgary Herald reporter Michelle Lang, who was killed Dec. 30, just two weeks into her first stint covering Afghanistan for Canwest News Service. Lang and four Canadian soldiers were killed when their armoured vehicle struck a massive roadside bomb in Dand district, south of Kandahar city.

A report from the International News Safety Institute said 132 journalists and media staff died on the job in 2009, up sharply from the previous year's tally of 109 journalism-related fatalities.

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ranked as the second most dangerous country with 11 deaths, followed by Somalia and Russia with nine slayings each and Pakistan with eight.

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Word on the street: What are your New Year's resolutions?
Scott McSweeney
Calgary

A: My resolution is to get more physical activities in, like skating and things like that.


Trevor Ragan
Calgary

A: My New Year's resolution this year is not to have any New Year's resolutions.


Sheila Forbes
Dartmouth, N.S.

A: I don't make resolutions. Everyday live it to the best you can. Whether it's New Year's or not, it doesn't matter. If you live everyday like that for the rest of your life, then it works out better.


John MacDonald
Toronto

A: Exercise more, everyone does that ... Try to do hard things, things that I wouldn't normally do ... take a dance class or learn a new language, something out of the ordinary.


Britt Gregg-Wallace
Ottawa

A: I didn't make one. I find that January is not a great time for resolutions. September is more my month, but I don't think I made one then either. I guess I'm not really a resolution person.


David Innanen
Vancouver

A: I plan on drinking less, cutting back to three or four drinks instead of six to eight, to protect my liver. I am worried about an early death in my 50s or 60s. I want to see 80 or 90.



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Cable to go 3-D

Two major cable networks — ESPN and Discovery — will beam 3-D entertainment into Americans' homes for the first time. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Business

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Google's new smartphone hits market

Google Inc. began selling its own mobile phone yesterday, a much-anticipated move aimed at protecting its online advertising empire as people increasingly surf the web on handsets — but Canadians will have to wait until they can order one.

The Nexus One joins about 20 other mobile devices that already run on Android, the mobile operating system that Google introduced in 2007 to make it easier to connect to its services and other websites away from home.

Google designed the touch-screen phone in partnership with Taiwan's HTC Corp., which made the first Android-powered

phone and will manufacture this one, too.

Google will handle all sales online and has no plans to let buyers check out the Nexus One in stores. The phone has been in the hands of Google employees for the past three weeks, triggering anticipation for the company's first attempt to peddle a consumer electronics device.

On Twitter, a Google Canada spokesperson offered the company's rationale for not launching the phone in Canada yet: "We're gradually launching in different places to get user feedback and ensure smooth ordering," the spokesperson said.

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Business in brief

AUTO INDUSTRY December proved to be a big month for many of Canada's leading car companies as Ford of Canada, Toyota Canada and Hyundai all reported banner months. Ford said its December sales soared more than 25 per cent compared with 2008, while Toyota claimed its best-ever sales for the month.

CURRENCY The Canadian dollar's renewed climb on global currency markets is raising concerns manufacturers won't be able to take full advantage of a production spike south of the border. The loonie rose to

the highest level since October yesterday. The Canadian currency's recent climb comes at a critical time for Canadian manufacturers, arguably the hardest hit sector in 2009.

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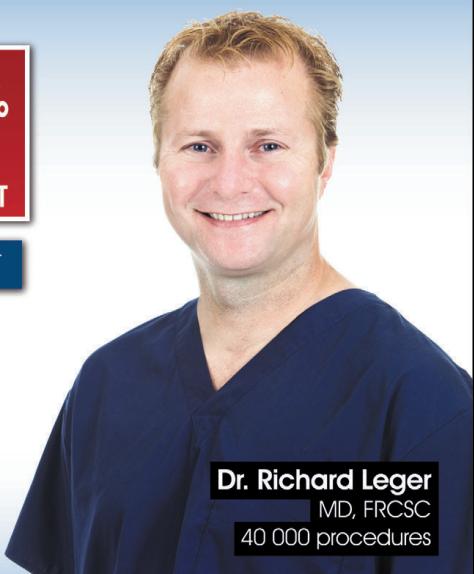
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Matt Holliday is staying with the St. Louis Cardinals, agreeing yesterday to a \$120-million US, seven-year contract that is baseball's richest deal of the off-season. The Cardinals announced yesterday they had agreed with the power-hitting outfielder on a multi-year contract subject to a physical. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports



Big Unit retiring

Randy Johnson, left, is retiring after 22 major league seasons. The Big Unit, an overpowering left-hander who last June became the 24th pitcher to win 300 games, made the expected announcement yesterday. The five-time Cy Young Award winner owns a World Series ring and co-MVP honours.

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Gold medal streak ends in OT

WORLD JUNIORS

U.S. 6, Canada 5 (OT)

The United States found the elusive ingredient to win the world junior men's hockey championship.

A smaller, younger, less experienced American team than in previous years, but one that had teamwork and trust in each other, edged Canada 6-5 in overtime yesterday to foil the host country's bid to win a record sixth straight title.

John Carlson scored the winner with a wrist shot at 4:21 of overtime after Canada scored two quick goals to tie the game. It was the second goal of the game for Carlson, on loan to the U.S. team by his American Hockey League team in Hershey.

"He's one special player. Keep your eyes on him,"



Team USA's John Carlson scores past Team Canada goaltender Martin Jones in overtime to beat Canada 6-5 and win the gold medal at the World Junior Hockey Championship last night.

U.S. captain Derek Stepan said of Carlson. "He's going to be in the NHL for a long time."

Carlson credited the rapport with his teammates for

the win.

"You look at a guy like Jordan Schroeder. He's been here for three years and hasn't won it," Carlson said. "It's my first time. It's some-

thing I'll never forget. The camaraderie we have in the room kept us going."

The U.S. got some revenge for a 5-4 shootout loss against Canada on New

Year's Eve that gave the hosts a bye to the semifinals. The Americans also led that game by two goals before allowing Canada to send it to overtime.

"It's unfortunate we didn't get to make history," Canadian forward Taylor Hall said.

Yesterday's final was the first between the two countries since 2004, when the U.S. came from behind to beat Canada in Helsinki, Finland, for the Americans' first gold medal in the tournament.

Canada had won it every year after that until yesterday.

"Everyone's bummed out, Canadian defenceman Ryan Ellis said. "We got so close and it didn't happen for us. But everyone's sticking together. We're a close team and we've got our heads up high."

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Sports in brief

REDSKINS Mike Shanahan agreed yesterday to become the coach of the Washington Redskins, the latest step in a major overhaul of a troubled franchise. Shanahan's decision to join the team was confirmed to The Associated Press by an official within the NFL.

NFL The company behind a plan to lure the NFL back to Los Angeles said yesterday the Jacksonville Jaguars and Buffalo Bills are the first teams it will try to relocate. Majestic Realty Co. managing partner John Semcken said the company is still considering at least seven franchises for a new stadium just east of Los Angeles.

OVECHKIN The Washington Capitals are putting the captain's "C" on star forward Alex Ovechkin. The NHL club announced that the 24-year-old Moscow native will serve as team captain beginning last night against the visiting Montreal Canadiens, who the Caps beat 4-2.

MLS Major League Soccer could be headed for a work stoppage next month. The sport's international union says management is threatening to lock out MLS players after the league's five-year labour contract expires Jan. 31.

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Calgary's Olli Jokinen, right, is congratulated by teammates after scoring against the Predators last night in Nashville, Tenn.

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Vancouver Games

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Older and wiser

Alexandre Bilodeau learns from Turin experience

A baby-faced Alexandre Bilodeau was oozing with confidence as he stood atop the Olympic moguls run in Turin.

About a month before the 2006 Games, the teenager had become the youngest man ever to win a World Cup moguls event. He captured a second gold only days before the Olympics.

With only a handful of World Cup competitions under his belt, Bilodeau had quickly surged to No. 2 in the world and was a genuine Olympic medal contender.

It all happened so fast it almost seemed easy, he now admits.

Almost.

"My run was great, I had just one mistake, which cost me a lot," said Bilodeau, now 22, who missed his second jump in Turin and tumbled to an 11th-place finish.

"I will always remember the mistake and I won't do it again."

Today, the reigning World Cup champ isn't exactly grizzled, but he is



"I will always remember the mistake and I won't do it again."

Alexandre Bilodeau, on a missed jump in Turin that dropped him to 11th

wiser and even more accomplished than the self-described "young pup" version of himself that competed in Turin.

"Before 2006, I didn't know what the Olympics were all about," said Bilodeau, whose eyes widen when he starts talking about the Games.

"You've got four years to train for one thing."

The Rosemere, Que. native is now gunning for that next shot at an Olympic medal.

Since his first Olympic appearance, Bilodeau's career has soared in a judged discipline that awards points to athletes based on their technique for navigating the moguls, their execution of two aerial tricks and how fast they can tear down the hill.

Bilodeau finished the

2005-06 season ranked second in the world and was named FIS rookie of the year. The following season he finished at No. 3, and in 2007-08 he was No. 4.

Last season, he exploded on the World Cup hills, winning five golds and three silvers in nine starts en route to the championship.

Fellow Canadians Pierre-Alexandre Rousseau of Drummondville, Que., and Vincent Marquis of Quebec City joined Bilodeau on the podium twice last year, making them only the second team to pull off such a feat on the World Cup circuit.

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Moguls World Cup champ Alexandre Bilodeau is gunning for another shot at an Olympic medal after falling short of the podium in Turin as a teenager.

Added security won't upset Vancouver airport's Olympic plan, says exec

SECURITY Vancouver's airport has beefed up its security equipment and added extra staff to hand-search U.S.-bound passengers in the wake of tighter American security rules just weeks before an expected flood of Winter Olympic visitors.

Don Ehrenholz, operations vice-president for the

airport, said in an interview that even before yesterday's announcement that the airport would likely be among the first to get full-body scanners, airport officials had been increasing security measures in the wake of the Christmas Day terrorism scare in Detroit.

"Certainly in the last

Body scanner coming

- Vancouver airport operations vice-president Don Ehrenholz said he did not know how many full-body scanners Vancouver would

get, nor when they would arrive, though he expected one or two to be in place before the opening ceremonies Feb. 12.

two weeks we've made a lot of adjustments," said Ehrenholz.

"CATSA (Canadian Air Transport Security Authority) has provided that

equipment and a lot of extra people to do the hand-searching component, which is the extra piece we've had to add to U.S.-bound passengers."

The move comes after an abortive attempt by an alleged Nigerian terrorist to blow up a Detroit-bound flight on Christmas Day using explosives hidden in

his underpants.

In the wake of the failed attack, Ottawa banned carry-on bags for U.S.-bound travellers, except for purses and laptop computers, and ordered mandatory pat-downs after passengers had gone through magnetic scanners.

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Toyota Yaris sharp, spunky

The exchange at Toyota Canada began like any other — sign the paperwork, grab the keys, go out and find my test vehicle.

But when I went to press the key fob to flash the lights and identify the correct Yaris, I realized there was no fob and no buttons — just a plain old key.

It was then I sensed trouble.

Parked in front of me was the 2010 Yaris three-door CE Hatchback, in all but its most basic trim.

No keyless entry, no power locks, no power windows and when I sat down to adjust the mirrors, found no power adjustments here either.

In fact, the only options were a four-speed automatic transmission that added \$1,000 to the base price of \$13,620, and air conditioning for another \$1,155.

Despite the challenges of running around locking and unlocking doors, rolling up windows (thankfully I didn't have the five-door) and fiddling with the side mirrors, I was impressed that Toyota included such a stripped-down model in its press fleet.

2010 Toyota Yaris CE 3-door Hatchback

Type: 3-door hatchback

Drive method: Front-engine, front-wheel-drive

Engine: DOHC 1.5 litre, 16-valve four cylinder (106 hp, 103 lb/ft of torque)

Fuel economy: Automatic: 7.0/5.7/6.4L/100km (city/hwy/combined)

Price: \$13,620 (base) plus \$1,000 for automatic and \$1,155 for air conditioning

Website: Toyota.ca

Sure you can order the Yaris Hatchback as a fully-loaded, five-door RS with the necessary power doodads, in-dash six-CD changer, aluminum alloys and more, but that brings the price to \$20,555 — more than many would expect to pay for an entry-level subcompact.

Driving the base car, on the other hand, focuses one's mind more squarely on the driving experience, not the gadgets.

My first impression was that the Yaris Hatch is a sharp little car.

More handsome than its sibling four-door sedan, more chic than the Echo, which it replaced, and

light years more stylish than the Tercel, which preceded all of these as Toyota's subcompact offering.

It's stubby nose, short front and rear overhangs, and protruding wheel arches give the Yaris Hatch a sporty, firmly-planted, four-square stance.

Inside, the base unit is fairly spartan, with a simple hooded instrument panel in the centre of the dash and a two-speaker AM/FM/CD sound system (with plug-in for MP3 players) and three large knobs for climate control and fan speed directly below.

Still, the wide expanse of textured plastic on either side of the instruments is well outfitted with storage. There's a pull-out cupholder to the left of the steering wheel, a glovebox behind the wheel, an upper and lower glovebox on the passenger side, and another cupholder on the far right.

The front bucket seats offer few adjustments (forward/back, recline), but provide high bolsters in the thighs and back and a comfortable grippy fabric that really holds you in place during hard corner-

ing.

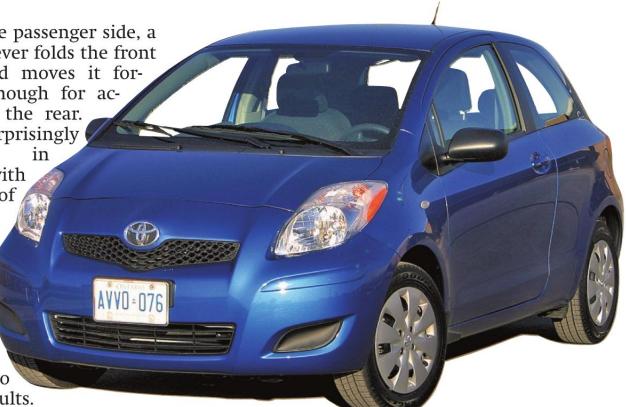
On the passenger side, a single lever folds the front seat and moves it forward enough for access to the rear.

It's surprisingly roomy in back, with plenty of knee-room, shoulder room and headroom for two large adults.

Three of lesser size will fit in a pinch, but for short trips only. Yaris has style and attitude, and although it may not be the cheapest among the competition, it offers an ideal combination of fuel efficiency, and practicality.

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Simple, easy-to-use controls are located below the centre instrument panel. The Yaris offers plenty of storage on the dash with a glovebox behind the steering wheel.



With short overhangs, a stubby nose and wheels pushed out to the corners, the 2010 Yaris CE three-door hatchback displays a punchy attitude in contrast to its thrifty base price and fuel economy.



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Yanks want their cellphones while driving, says survey

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Some 72 per cent of U.S. drivers polled will not give up their cellphones while driving, even if it is against the law, according to a poll conducted by hands-free communications company Cellcontrol.

Of those surveyed, 88 per cent admitted to using a cell phone to text, e-mail, surf the Web or have a conversation while driving in the past 12 months. However, nearly 75 per cent of the group agreed that driving while texting is equally as dangerous as driving while intoxicated.

More than 75 per cent said they would use technology to restrict the use of mobile devices while driving, if they received a discount on their automobile insurance premiums. While cellphone use

when driving spans all age groups, teenagers drew the most attention to the problem. The study found that 65 per cent of parents would purchase technology to prevent children from driving while using their cellphones, while more than 60 per cent would purchase a particular cellphone if they had the ability to control distracted driving as a feature option.

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Michael
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Workology

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uCal cuts gifted programs

The University of Calgary's education faculty announced that due to the market downturn the university would not renew the contract of Centre for Gifted Education acting director, who was providing free counselling to parents and gifted elementary and high school students. The centre's summer camps and Saturday programs have also been discontinued. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

The face of techies

Working at School

Every Wednesday for the next month Metro's Workology section will be featuring a variety of careers that you may not have thought of; jobs in which you stay in college or university after graduating. There are many jobs that make post-secondary institutions hum, here's but one:

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
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On campuses across Canada, computer and audio-visual technicians are often the go-to people for

instant help and a lot of peace of mind.

For many of them, the full-time work provides a satisfying career supported by strong unions, reasonable work hours and a great work environment full of people who share a common bond.

Charlie Pollock, 31, did a psychology degree but always had a knack for fixing computers so when a full-time desktop support technician position opened up at the University of Calgary, he jumped at the chance to make it a job.

Now, four years later, he still loves the challenge of fixing computers and the thrill of the kill when he solves a tough case.

"It's always changing, never the same. Every day you run into new problems

— it's kind of Sherlock Holmes-ey, you have to do research and take some time to deal with the tougher problems correctly," Pollock said.

With a plethora of platforms, hardware and software abounding, Pollock says the greatest challenge is often just getting a grip of the specifics on individual situations for which sometimes even the Internet is stumped for answers.

Pollock says his work is less about fixing gadgets and more about people, since the whole point of keeping computers running is to help out the people who need them.

"Our job is largely customer service focused so you don't want to burn any bridges or make anyone feel stupid. A lot of times

Funny IT story

- One customer gaffe sticks out in computer technician Charlie Pollock's mind: His team once rushed a technician out to help a woman whose desktop icons had disappeared off her screen, only to discover she forgot to turn on the monitor.

people just don't understand the technology, and that's fine," Pollock said.

Spencer Cantley, 30, has been a full-time audio-visual technician at Dalhousie University in Halifax for more than six years and is tasked with loaning and maintaining hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of cameras, computers, lighting systems and projectors. For him it's necessary



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to always stay in touch with what's new but he doesn't consider it a chore since it forces him to continually learn new things about the technology he loves.

"I'm just constantly learning and from an electronics standpoint, that's exciting," Cantley said.

Cantley says the best part of the job is meeting new people every new school year.

"Every semester brings new people and I love meeting people. I also love that my job changes on a daily basis — it's never the exact same thing on any given day," Cantley said.

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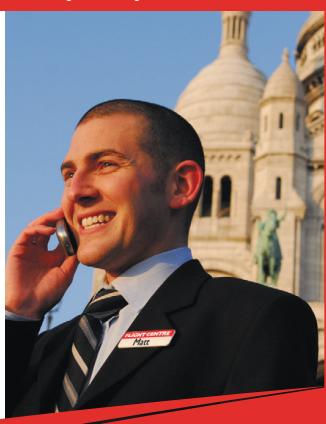
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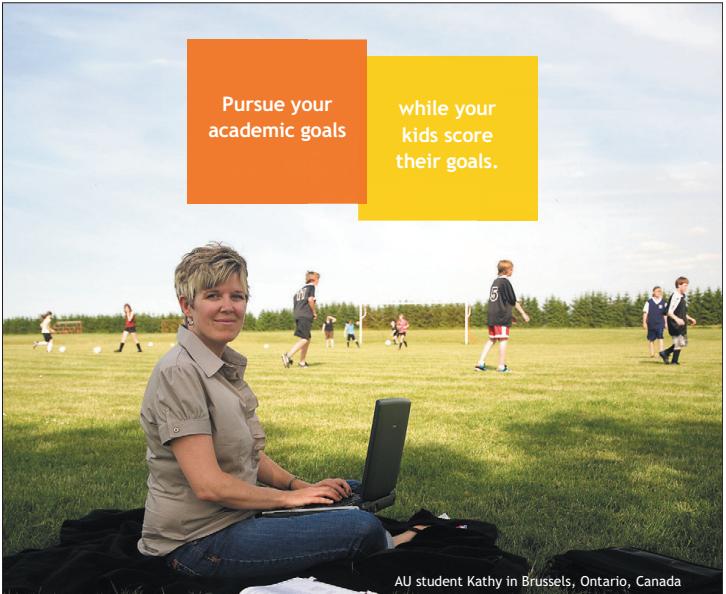
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If you liked the backdrop for It's Complicated, the new comedy about love and divorce starring Meryl Streep, Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin, you might enjoy a visit to Santa Barbara, where parts of the movie were set. santabarbaraca.com/filmtour/its-complicated. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Is that a sherpa in your pocket...?

On the road, nothing really beats a good tip from a local on where to get the best ribs, catch a jazz show, or how to score tickets at a popular venue. Guide books invariably promise to give tourists the local scoop and routinely deliver mixed results. But Pocket Sherpa, an iPhone app, could be your best travel companion. The application is tied to the localyte.com — which seeks to connect travellers with "local people who are proud of where they live and want to share their local knowledge." The app promises to connect users to more than 40,000 locals in 7,000-plus locations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Party at Florida's pirate Mardi Gras

Tampa Bay's street festival attracted 350,000 eye-patched, peg-legged revellers in 2009

Dave Pagano started his life as a pirate a few years back wearing a white linen shirt with puffy sleeves and open neckline.

Then he bought a bandanna, a dreadlocked wig, a replica musket, a sword, a knife and, this year alone, \$500 US worth of beads.

Pagan is a Tampa pirate and, later this month, he will be in his buccaneer glory when the city's annual pirate festival, Gasparilla, kicks off. Gasparilla, which is more than a century old, attracted 350,000 people last year. It's known for its rowdy, Mardi Gras-style atmosphere — including bead-tossing by costumed revellers.

Pagan will be among them, wandering the crowds during three parades, handing out long strings of beads — some with rubber ducks attached. (The ducks also wear pirate hats).

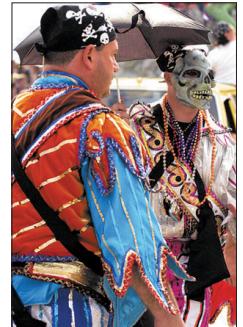
"You cannot describe the fun you have doing it," said Pagan, a 50-something business consultant who, even on New Year's Eve, sat in a bar dressed in full pirate regalia.

Tampa and pirates go way back, long before Jack Sparrow or the Tampa Bay Buccaneers football team.

According to city lore, a Spanish pirate named Jose Gaspar terrorized the west coast of Florida in the 18th and 19th centuries. The swashbuckler's legend was unearthed in 1904, when some enterprising city leaders — having just returned from Mardi Gras in New Orleans — decided



Pirates hang off the Jose Gasparilla pirate ship as it makes its way along Seedon Channel during the 'invasion' of Tampa Bay.



Much like Mardi Gras, pirates toss beads to onlookers.

Tampa. But you don't need an elaborate costume to enjoy the Gasparilla fun. A pair of comfortable shoes and a little pre-party planning will do.

"The people who will enjoy Gasparilla the most will be the ones who plan ahead," said Darrell Steffany, the president of Event Fest, which produces the annual Seminole Hard Rock Gasparilla Pirate Fest.

The first event takes place Jan. 23, with the Children's Gasparilla Extravaganza.

This is an alcohol-free event, with bike rodeos, children in pint-sized pirate costumes and fireworks. Held in the same location as the adult-themed parade a week later, the children's parade is family friendly and free.

seize the key to the city from the mayor, who always plays along.

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Pretend pirates cause trouble

too, though less serious. Because of problems in residential areas near the parade and public drunkenness in past years (141 people were arrested during the 2009 fest), Tampa Police will have a larger presence this year and crack down on inappropriate behaviour.

seize the key to the city from the mayor, who always plays along.

With hundreds of thousands of people turning out to watch, it's easy to see why folks like Pagan tend to get a little pirate-obsessed all year round in

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The Jose Gaspar tall ship is surrounded by several local yachts as the ships make their way down the channel.

If you go ...

- The Festival begins Jan. 30 at the Seminole Hard Rock as the Gasparilla Pirate Fest parades through downtown Tampa starting at 11:30 a.m. That same day, a street festival with music, food and drinks is held from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in downtown Tampa. For more info: gasparillapiratefest.com.

that Tampa needed its own street festival.

The festival organizers adopted Gaspar as a patron saint. Early Gasparilla parades featured a krewe — high-society social club members in full pirate regalia — arriving on horse-

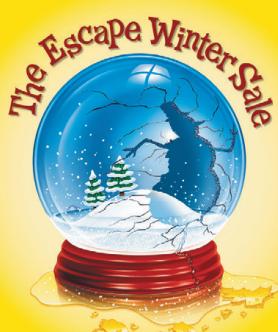
more elaborate. Led by that first initial group, Ye Mystic Krewe, the krewes arrived via boat, floating from Hillsborough Bay into the city's downtown to

Later, krewes, which is also what Mardi Gras clubs are called, became more plentiful, the costumes

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Learn the ropes on Stoneham's slopes

Professional snowboarders will hold instructional clinics for riders up to age 15 at Stoneham Mountain Resort during the annual Snowboard Jamboree Festival.

The young riders will get tips on participating in competitions and be able

to apply their skills in contests the same day.

It's among events geared to amateurs — there will also be a snowboard camp for girls — during the Jan. 20-24 festival, which is staging the IG/FIS Snowboard World Cup.

Some of the world's top athletes will compete in

halfpipe, giant parallel slalom, snowboardcross and big air on the last stop of the snowboard world cup circuit before the Olympics.

The big air event will be held in downtown Quebec City at a venue below the ramps to Autoroute Dufferin-Montmorency. The

same site will be used for Stairsmasters, a street-riding contest for snowboarders.

Stoneham Mountain Resort is located 20 minutes north of Quebec City.

For more information on the clinics visit snowjambo.com.

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The festival kicks off Jan. 20 and runs to Jan 24.

Travel in brief

ART LOVERS The Bechtler Museum of Modern Art has opened in Charlotte, N.C. The museum describes itself as the only museum dedicated to the exhibition of mid-20th-century modern art in North America. The museum is named after the family of Andreas Bechtler, a Charlotte resident and native of Switzerland who inherited and assembled a collection of more than 1,400 works. The collection includes work by Alberto Giacometti, Joan Miró, Jean Tinguely, Max Ernst, Andy Warhol, Alexander Calder, Le Corbusier, Sol LeWitt, Edgar Degas, Nicolas de Staél, Barbara Hepworth and Picasso.

WEIRD AND WILD A Ripley's Believe It or Not! Odditorium has opened in the Plaza Acuario in Veracruz, Mexico. The 930-square-metre museum is an interactive exhibit of weird wonders, including a 2.4-metre horse made from chrome car bumpers, shrunken heads, matchstick art and freak animals. Mexico also has Ripley's attractions in Mexico City and Guadalajara. Ripley's has a total of 30 Believe It or Not! museums in 12 countries. The 31st location is set to open in late January in Surfers Paradise, Australia.

2 FOR 1 DEAL Due to popular demand, Trafalgar Tours has extended the 2-for-1 air deal for passengers who pay in full by Jan. 31. If you book an air-inclusive 2010 Trafalgar Summer Europe tour, their travelling companion booked on the same itinerary flies for free. The only charge to the companion will be taxes and fuel surcharges. Visit their website for more information. trafalgar.com/content.asp

ALASKA While most visitors come to Alaska in the summer, winter offers unique experiences: A chance to see the Northern Lights, dog-sledding and snowmobiling. The Anchorage Fur Rendezvous Festival, which started 75 years ago as a way to welcome miners and trappers to town, featuring a fur auction, blanket toss, snowshoe-softball tournament, outhouse races, ice bowling, the Miners and Trappers Ball and the sprint-distance Rondy World Championship Sled Dog Race, Feb. 26-March 7. furrondy.net.

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Yoko Ono is to release a book about her life with John Lennon. The 76-year-old widow of the late former Beatle has revealed she will put pen to paper over the next few years and write an autobiography about her eventful life with John. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Ono plans Lennon book

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Roman Polanski

Judge sets hearing in Polanski case

PEOPLE A court spokesman says a Los Angeles judge has scheduled a hearing today in Roman Polanski's criminal case.

Superior Court spokesman Allan Parachini says Judge Peter Espinoza will convene a status conference this afternoon. It's the first time the 30-year-old sex case will be back in court since a state appeals court last month rejected Polanski's bid to have it dismissed.

Polanski is under house arrest at his Swiss chalet. Swiss authorities have not yet ruled on whether to extradite Polanski. The director fled the U.S. in 1978 on the eve of sentencing after pleading guilty to having unlawful sex with a minor.

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Growing up is hard to do

Authentic story drew Michael Cera to teen comedy *Youth In Revolt*

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada



In *Youth in Revolt*, Brampton, Ont., born actor Michael Cera plays an anachronistic Frank Sinatra fan who falls for the anachronistic Jean-Paul Belmondo loving girl who lives next door at the trailer park.

When circumstance steps in to keep them apart he (with the help of an imaginary friend named Francois Dillinger) changes his life to be with her.

Cera admits the idea of having one of his favourite books pared down from 500 pages to a 90 minute script made him nervous but he couldn't resist the opportunity to sign on to the project.

"I just love the book," he says. "It's very cinematic and I thought the humour of the book would work very well on screen. That was the thought behind the movie; to capture the humour on screen."

"You can't tell the whole story of the book because



Canadian actor Michael Cera stars in the new comedy *Youth In Revolt*.

it is so huge, but the book exists for that reason. The book is its own enjoyment."

His character, Nick Twisp, appealed to the actor because it had a ring of authenticity often missing

from teen comedies.

"I love the voice of the character," he said, "and it's nice when you're reading

ing the book because you're reading his journal so you are really tapping right into his mind. It feels like you are feeling the thought process of the author. I connected with that.

"The character was real," he said. "C.D. Payne wrote it really personally. It felt like he wrote it in his own voice. He wasn't trying to write like a fourteen year old kid. He didn't add in any false naïveté or didn't try and sound less intelligent he was just writing and it was personal. I think that's why people connect to things; when they feel personal."

Cera hopes audiences will relate with *Youth in Revolt*. "I hope maybe people will feel inspired," he says.

"That would be the best case scenario. That's the best feeling I have walking out of the movies. That's a hard thing to accomplish but it is special when it happens."

Youth in Revolt is in theatres this Friday



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Bacon recognized for charity work

Hollywood's awards season is just beginning, and Kevin Bacon has already won.

The 51-year-old actor, nominated for Screen Actors Guild and Golden

Globe awards for his starring turn in the TV movie *Taking Chance*, will receive the Joel Siegel Award from the Broadcast Film Critics Association. The award recognizes an enter-

tainer's charitable efforts.

Bacon is being honoured for his website SixDegrees.org, which invites visitors to contribute to their favourite causes.

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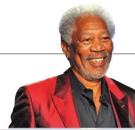
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Freeman replaces Cronkite

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Vampires rule in Daybreakers' world

CHRIS ALEXANDER
For Metro Canada

In Richard Matheson's groundbreaking 1954 novella I Am Legend, a devastating plague ravages the planet, turning humanity into a race of shambling vampires, hell bent on drinking the blood of any survivors that have the misfortune of crossing their paths.

In the new horror/thriller Daybreakers, a similar set-up sees mankind falling prey to a vampiric disease. Except here, the ghouls become the master race: A cultured, mannered, sophisticated society of monsters who live by night.

The film is the latest offering from Australia's Spierig Brothers, the wild-eyed lads who previously

Daybreakers opens in theatres this Friday

gave us 2005's loopy zombie epic *Undead*.

But unlike that demented spoof, *Daybreakers* takes its subject considerably more seriously, fusing gore-caked thrills with social satire and intimate character study while delivering a vampire film that bends — but not breaks — the rules.

"We respect the vampire mythology," says Peter Spierig of his oft-exploited subject. "We didn't want to break too many of the rules, but by the same token we wanted to really do something different."

"We wanted to add the social commentary too, without being too heavy-handed about it or preachy. I think we found the right balance."

Daybreakers stars Ethan Hawke as Edward (not to be confused with the

light vampire), an undead pharmacist experimenting on humans in order to find a cure for the living corpse condition that ails his kind.

Unlike his callous contemporaries however, Edward cares about humans and, after he inadvertently saves a gang of hunted, mortal rebels, becomes embroiled in a plot to put a stake in the heart of this new, twilight world.

"We got lucky with our cast," says brother Michael of *Daybreakers'* solid stable of actors, which also include heavy hitters Sam Neil and Willem Dafoe.

"It was an incredible thrill to have them on board. In *Undead*, we had a virtually non-existent budget and it was wild this time having a stable of people working for you who were this talented, both in front of and behind the camera."

"And if all goes well with the movie's release, we might actually be able to make another one."



Ethan Hawke, left, and Willem Dafoe face a world of vampires in the new movie *Daybreakers*.

Seigfried and Roy won't be back

RETIRED Illusionists Siegfried and Roy say they have retired for good. Siegfried Fischbacher says "There will not be a comeback." Siegfried's partner Roy Horn was mauled by a tiger in 2003 and is still battling the effects of the attack. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

In brief

PEOPLE'S CHOICE Queen Latifah will welcome Taylor Swift, Sacha Baron Cohen and Sandra Bullock to the People's Choice Awards this evening. Topping the nominees are vampire tales *Twilight* and *True Blood*.

PRODUCERS GUILD Sci-fi smashes *Avatar*, *Star Trek* and *District 9* are among nominees for top film honours from the Producers Guild of America. Winners will be announced at a Jan. 24 ceremony. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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critics' corner

Republic of Doyle

Gotta love working with Dad — just ask the Teutul boys of "American Chopper" fame. This new comedy-drama series follows the fortunes of Malachy and Jake Doyle (Sean McGinley, Allan Hawco), a father and son who work as private investigators in St. John's, Nfld. Dad's all business, Sonny's a bit of a rogue, but they get the job done. In the premiere, they try to help a friend accused of manslaughter who refuses to defend himself. 9 PM on CBRT



The 36th Annual People's Choice Awards

From the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles, Queen Latifah hosts a ceremony honoring favorites in the fields of music, movies and TV based on the results of a viewers poll. Among the field of nominees, Anna Paquin ("True Blood"), Blake Lively ("Gossip Girl"), Jennifer Love Hewitt ("Ghost Whisperer"), Katherine Heigl ("Grey's Anatomy") and Mariska Hargitay ("Law & Order: Special Victims Unit") vie for favorite TV drama actress. 9 PM on CICT

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Ekaterina Ivanova, the 21-year-old former waitress who dated 62-year-old Rolling Stones guitarist Ronnie Wood for 18 months, is talking about the relationship. In an interview with British tabloid The Sun, Ivanova calls Wood an "evil goblin king." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz**Did a friend rob her?**

BFFS NO MORE Sounds like Lindsay Lohan's new year has gotten off on the wrong foot, usmagazine.com reports.

While celebrating 2010 on the island of St. Barth's, the 23-year-old star discovered that she was ripped off by her longtime best friend and sidekick Patrick (Pootie) Aufdenkampf.

A friend close to Lohan tells usmagazine.com, "Patrick stole Lindsay's sketches for her new 6126 clothing line." WWD reported Dec. 30 that Lohan's 6126 leggings line would be expanded to become a full clothing collect-

tion for fall 2010; her role as artistic advisor for fashion house Emanuel Ungaro, despite a rocky start, is also ongoing.

Lohan tells usmagazine.com that Aufdenkampf has been her "best friend" since she was 16. He has frequently been photographed with the actress, and was present at many meetings related to her new fashion line.

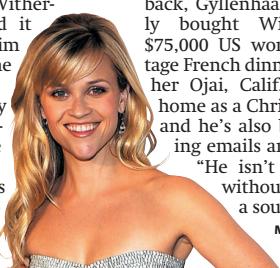
"He is now running off trying to do his own line," a Lohan pal says.



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Winning back Witherspoon

SHE'S WORTH IT While Reese Witherspoon called it quits with him because she reportedly wasn't ready for marriage, Jake Gyllenhaal still wants her back, according to *In Touch*.



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In an attempt to win her back, Gyllenhaal reportedly bought Witherspoon \$75,000 US worth of vintage French dinnerware for her Ojai, Calif., vacation home as a Christmas gift, and he's also been sending emails and flowers.

"He isn't giving up without a fight," a source says.

Jolie kids inherit six-figures

NEW TRUST FUND Three of Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt's children were left a handsome six-figure sum by the actress' late mother, according to documents filed in Los Angeles Superior Court last week, usmagazine.com reports.

Actress Marcheline Bertrand — who died in 2007 after a cancer battle — gave Maddox, 8, Zahara,

6, and Shiloh, 3, each \$100,000 US in a new trust fund. The three cannot have access to the money until they turn 25.

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Carey joins hubby at club

COPLES NIGHT OUT After performing at Atlantic City's Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa on Saturday night, Mariah Carey kept the party going until the wee hours, joining husband Nick Cannon as he DJed in club mur.mur, people.com reports.

"Security literally cleared a path for her to walk through," says a wit-

ness. "She was surrounded by handlers."

Carey spent her night singing along "to just about every song."

When Cannon's set wrapped around 2 a.m., Carey joined him in the DJ booth to close out the evening

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**Winehouse dad discourages union****SECOND TIME'S A CHARM?**

Amy Winehouse's reconciliation with ex-husband Blake Fielder-Civil seems to be going well, and her father isn't thrilled about it, according to Closer magazine. "I'd be devastated," he says of the possibility of the two getting remarried. "I'm worried about the situation and I'm going to discourage her in every way I can."



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First experience

I HEART MY TEACHER Actor David Duchovny tells Germany's Tele 5 that he had his first erotic experience at age six, thanks to a crush he had on his first grade teacher. "I always ran around extra wildly, so that she had to catch and grab me," Duchovny says.

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**Martin's newest causes**

HUMANITARIAN ON THE RISE Last month Ricky Martin took to his website to condemn international hate crimes and call for tolerance. Now the singer is taking to Twitter to drum up support for his next venture — donating blood. The Advocate re-

ports.

The magazine reports the singer, who it notes has declined to talk in interviews about his personal life but has become increasingly vocal about his support for gay rights and causes, tweeted on Sunday: "I want to donate blood, have you ever?"

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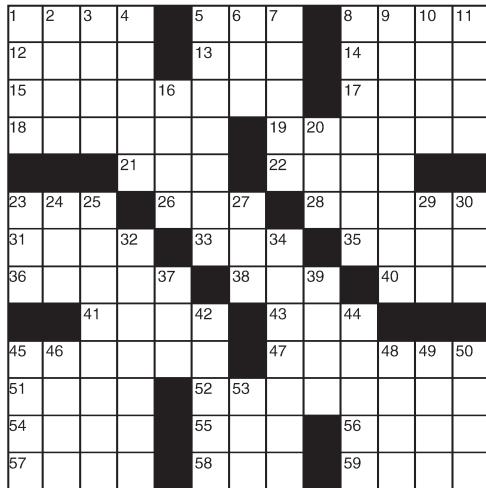
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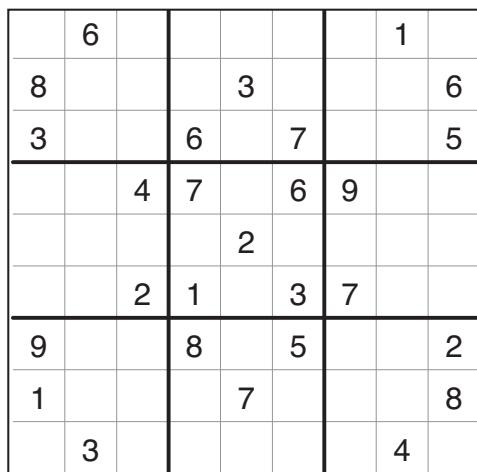
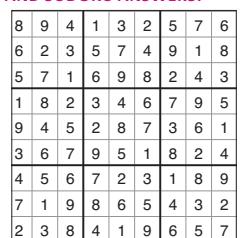
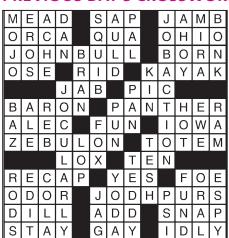
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MARCH 21-APRIL 20



It's highly unlikely that you will be able to compromise so go your own way and do your own thing. You don't need other people to hold your hand.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Changes on the career front will work in your favor over the next few days, so be ready to move when the opportunity arises.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



You've got to make changes and you've got to make them now. With Pluto strong in your chart you won't find it hard to be ruthless.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



Difficult aspects to Mars over the next few days warn you would be wise not to push your luck, especially when dealing with authority figures.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



You want to do something dramatic but what are your motives? Is there something specific you wish to achieve or do you just want to make a noise?

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



You may have to reveal something about yourself that you were hoping to keep secret but it would have come out sooner or later.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



If someone you love gives you a hard time about something today don't take it personally. Most likely they are going through a phase.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



There is so much determination and intensity about you at the moment that no obstacle can stop you from reaching your goal.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



You would be wise not to force others to make changes that may not suit their needs. A more moderate course will work better for everyone.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



Keep reminding yourself that you have nothing to prove. Keep reminding yourself that who you are is who you are meant to be.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



Do you follow your instincts and put yourself at odds with majority opinion? Be true to what you believe. Otherwise, why believe anything?

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14 oz (400 g) spaghetti
3 1/2 oz (100 g) frozen peas
3 1/2 oz (100 g) bacon strips, cut into 1/2-in. (1 cm) pieces
6 scallions, sliced
1/2 cup (125 mL) grated Parmesan cheese
4 eggs
6 3/4 tbsp (100 mL) ricotta cheese

leaving about 1 tsp (5 mL). Add scallions and cook gently until just soft.

- Put Parmesan cheese into bowl with eggs and ricotta cheese. Season with ground black pepper and beat with fork.
- Drain spaghetti and peas; return to hot, empty pot with bacon and scallions. Off heat, add egg mixture and toss thoroughly; eggs will thicken in residual heat for creamy sauce. Turn into serving bowl and serve.

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